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APPLE HILL CHAMBER PLAYERS TO GIVE FREE CONCERT IN BAKU

The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce that the Apple Hill Chamber Players string quartet is visiting Azerbaijan from October 27 until October 30, 2005 under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of State. During their trip, they will give a free public performance at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29 at the Baku Music Academy. The musicians will also conduct master classes at the Baku Music Academy during their visit. The master classes include selection of a Playing for Peace scholarship recipient, who will be awarded full travel, tuition, and a transportation grant from Apple Hill for one month's participation in the 2006 Apple Hill Summer Festival in New Hampshire.

Founded in 1973, the Apple Hill Chamber Players are the performing artists and faculty for the internationally celebrated Apple Hill Festival in Nelson, NH, where they work with professional, student, and amateur participants of all ages and backgrounds from the U.S. and around the world. The Apple Hill Playing for Peace mission is dedicated to using the traditions of Apple Hill concerts, residencies, and scholarships to further the causes of world peace and understanding at Apple Hill, throughout the United States, and throughout the world. Since 1988, the Apple Hill Chamber Players have annually toured the Middle East, Europe, and other parts of the world, as well as all corners of the U.S., performing concerts, conducting master classes, and awarding Playing for Peace scholarships to bring musicians of conflicting cultures and diverse backgrounds to Apple Hill.